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1. SUMMARY--ETHIOPIAN MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS WILL
MAKE EFFORT IN SEPTEMBER TO COMPLETE THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE NINE INDUSTRIAL BRANCH UNIONS WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY
FORM BASIS FOR THE NEW ALL-ETHIOPIAN TRADE UNION. BEGINNING
SEPTEMBER 4TH A SERIES OF MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT FORMER
PARLIAMENT BUILDING IN ADDIS ABABA TO CREATE INDUSTRIAL UNIONS
IN THOSE BRANCHES STILL UNORGANIZED. END SUMMARY

2. OF NINE SUCH UNIONS FORESEEN, ONLY FOUR PRESENTLY IN BEING
ARE:

- A) AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY , HUNTING AND FISHING,
- B) BUILDING, ROAD CONSTRUCTION, AND ALLIED FIELDS,
- C) ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER, AND
- D) GENERAL SERVICES, I.E, HOTEL, RESTAURANT, AND
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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IT WILL BE RECALLED (REFTELA) THAT SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO

ORGANIZE UNIONS ALONG ABOVE LINES FOUNDERED LAST JUNE WHEN "REACTIONARIES AND UNRULY ELEMENTS" DISRUPTED PROCEEDINGS IN PARLIAMENT BUILDING CAUSING GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION AND POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING. THIS TIME EPMG APPEARS TO BE TAKING NO CHANCES, AS MEETINGS WILL BE CONFINED TO ONE UNION AT A TIME, EACH OF ONE WEEK DURATION, HELD SUCCESSIVELY THROUGHOUT MOST OF AUTUMN. THIS SHOULD ENABLE GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN BETTER CONTROL OF BUILDING AND PROCEEDINGS THAN WAS CASE IN JUNE.

3. FIVE UNIONS STILL TO BE FORMED ARE:

- A) MINING, QUARRY AND STONE CRUSHING,
- B) WHOLESATLE AND RETAIL WORKERS,
- C) MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES,
- D) TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, AD
- E) BANKING AND INSURANCE.

PRESS ACCOUNTS ANNOUNCE MEETINGS AND WARN WORKERS TO BE VIGILANT AGAINST "REACTIONARIES AND PSEUDO-REVOLUTIONARIES" INFILTRATING THEIR RANKS.

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